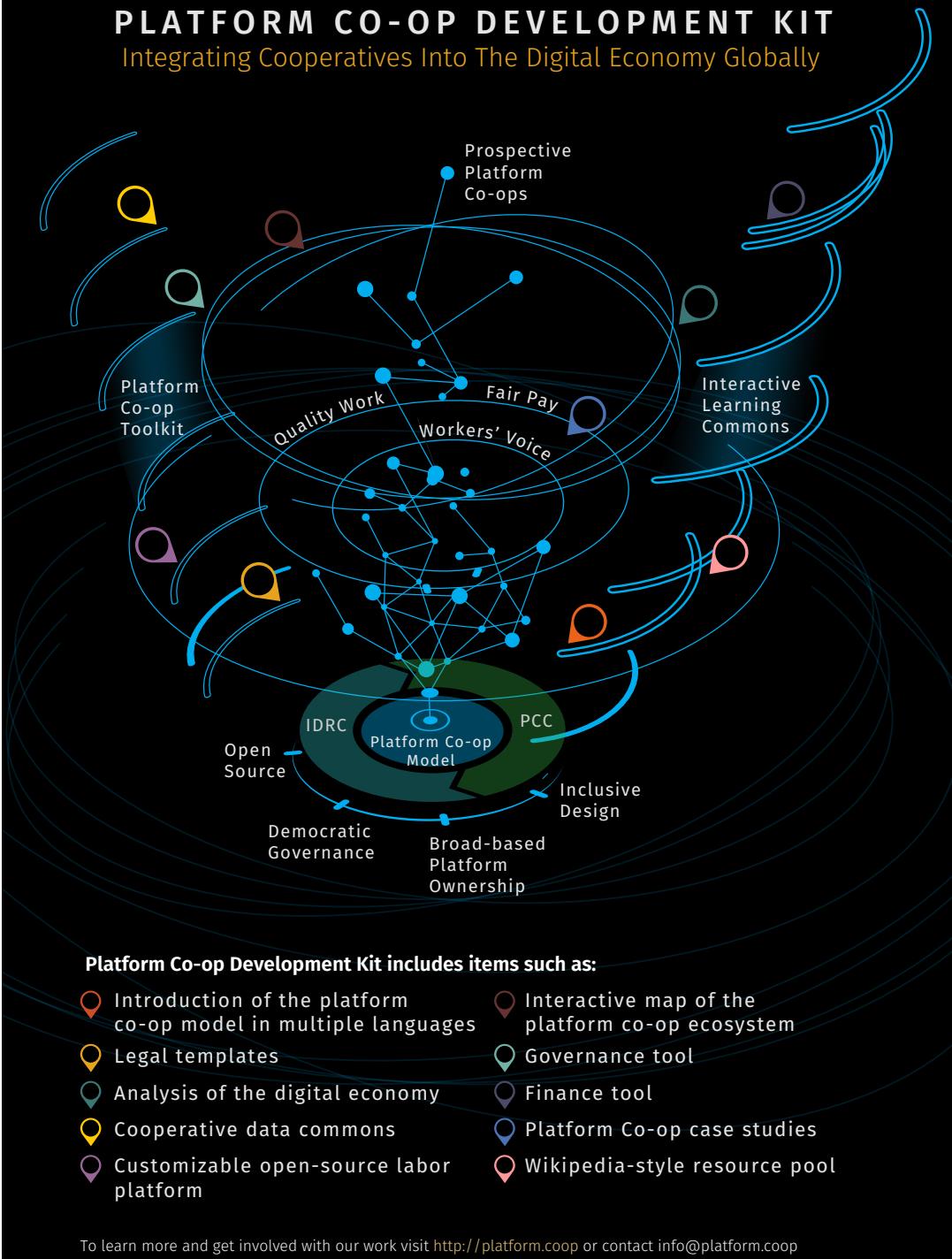


# PLATFORM CO-OP DEVELOPMENT KIT

## Integrating Cooperatives Into The Digital Economy Globally



We are working with citizens, IT professionals, consumers, policymakers, designers, and cooperatives to pioneer more equitable and sustainable approaches to developing the digital economy. It's about a People's Internet that is owned by all who most depend on it.

### The kit addresses:

- Rising economic inequality,
- Concentration of platform ownership,
- Shift away from direct employment,
- Gig economy is expanding,
- Stalled worker rights,
- Stagnating wages.

### What is funded

- Learning Commons foundation
- Basic technical infrastructure (platform components, open API, customizable entry points)
- Initial iterative pilot in care sector in Australia, Ireland, Italy, Canada, and the UK, as well as child care co-ops and home services co-ops in India, Brazil, and the United States
- Institute for the Cooperative Digital Economy at The New School (PCC/IDRC)
- Research, policy work, advocacy, community building, programming
- A cooperative university as a way to scale connected learning
- Prevention of social alienation
- Allocation of investment capital for platform co-ops
- Build out cooperative data ownership and publicly-owned Internet services

### What requires further support

- Prospective Platform Co-ops:
  - Full-cycle implementation of platform co-op model in a broader range of territories, communities, and sectors (e.g., elder care, formerly incarcerated populations, fair accessibility crowd work) with a focus on gender inclusivity
  - Platform co-ops to aid job training, job sharing, mentoring
  - Platform cooperatives for adjunct professors or tutors
  - Establish decent work and portable skills with people in migration, as well as low-income, elderly, and disabled immigrants